

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2012

The Middletown Town Council Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Town Council Present

Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV
Councilor Trip Chewning
Councilor John Copeland
Councilor Tom Simon
Councilor Carole Snyder

Town Council Absent

Councilor Mark Davis
Councilor Donna Gray

Staff Present

Rebecca L. Layman, Municipal Clerk

Town Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence

Mayor Harbaugh called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Harbaugh led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

All Councilors were present. With the exception of Councilor Davis and Councilor Gray

5. Set Agenda.

Councilor Copeland made a motion to set the agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor.

6. Citizen Comments.

Tommy Rohrer 8016 Main Street, Mr. Rohrer stated that he has some complaints on the Middletown Police Department. The first complaint is against Officer Manili for harassment, discrimination and selective ticketing as well as his attitude. Mr. Rohrer would like to know why the police officers go out of town to eat he stated that there are seven places to eat in the Town of Middletown and we are paying their wages to go to Stephens City and Strasburg to eat. Mr. Rohrer stated that he is tired of the tax payers paying for the police vehicles to travel back and forth to their homes and he feels that they do not need to be taking the police cars home. Mr. Rohrer stated that the maintenance department is never seen throughout the Town and that the maintenance department has uniforms that the Town pays for and the maintenance departments does not wear them. Mr. Rohrer asked why we have a Zoning Administrator there has been no building in this Town. Mayor Harbaugh stated that it is not normal to address situation like this, but Mayor Harbaugh stated that these complaints will be on the committee meeting agenda and that he has received two additional complaints on the police department as well.

7. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2012 Town Council meeting. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the minutes were approved.

8. Report of the Facilities Committee

Councilor Snyder reported that five bids have been received for the roof replacement on the Town Hall. Councilor Snyder stated that the dirt pile at the Wastewater treatment plant is still available to the citizens of Middletown if anyone is interested. Councilor Snyder stated that the brush pile is still being burned down and will be moved to the back of the property in next few months.

9. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee

Councilor Chewning made a motion to abate \$570.27 in water bills for 2002, 2006 and 2007. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

Motion carried 4-0

Councilor Chewning made a motion to abate \$2934.20 in personal property tax for 2006. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

Motion carried 4-0

Councilor Chewning made a motion to approve a resolution to charge an administrative fee of \$10.00. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

Motion carried 4-0

Councilor Chewning made the announcement of the appointment of Mark Davis to the NSVRC.

Councilor Chewning made a motion to approve Russell's Roofing proposal to repair the Town Hall roof in the amount of \$13,570.00. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

Motion carried 4-0

Councilor Chewning read the treasurer's report. Councilor Chewning made a motion to approve the bills that have been paid. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor.

10. Report of the Public Works Committee

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve up to and not exceed \$40,000.00 for reuse water system replacement and upgrade at the waste water treatment plant. Councilor Chewning seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Snyder – Yes Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Chewning – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes

11. Report of Public Safety Committee

Report of the Police Department was given by Councilor Simon.

12. Report of the Ordinance Committee

No report at this time.

13. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee

No report at this time.

14. Report of Special Committees

Mayor Harbaugh thanked Tom Rohrer for the use of his yard during the Rt. 11 yard crawl. Mayor Harbaugh stated the Town raised \$400.00 for the July 4th fund.

15. New or Unfinished Business

Next Committee Meeting will be August 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Work Session Meeting will be September 4, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

16. Petitions and Communication

None at this time.

17. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Charles H. Harbaugh IV, Mayor

Rebecca L. Layman
Town Clerk

